

## CROOK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

April 22, 2016

Crook County Court House – County Commissioners Board Room

The Crook County Library Board met on Friday, April 22, 2016 at the Crook County Court House in the County Commissioners Board Room at 3:00 p.m. for a Special Board Meeting. Board members present were Maylee Baron-Kanode, Paulie Jolley, Tami Baron and Marge Myers. Bob Smith called in on the conference phone. Employees present were Jill Mackey, County Librarian, and Pam Jespersen, Moorcroft Branch Librarian. Also in attendance was County Attorney Joe Baron.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Maylee Baron-Kanode and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the special board meeting was to discuss an article that was included recently in the Moorcroft Leader and a letter that was sent to the County Commissioners from the Moorcroft Town Council concerning the Moorcroft Town Center.

The Library Board had voiced interest in the possibility of leasing from the Moorcroft town officials what would be the old junior high building that is a part of the old school the Town of Moorcroft recently purchased for a dollar (\$1.00). The board entered into a lease agreement at the Greater Hulett Community Center in Hulett, WY several years ago when they were remodeling the old school there and the Hulett Branch Library was in need of expanding. The board had hopes that this could be a similar solution for the Moorcroft Branch Library as it has outgrown the current library.

The Library Board met with other town officials and interested parties a few weeks ago and toured the facility. At that time, Mayor Sproul voiced the possibility of the old junior high being purchased but the library board members did not voice an interest in that idea. A few of the Library Board members along with Jill Mackey, County Librarian, and a few of the Moorcroft town officials met with the Crook County Commissioners on April 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the old junior high part of the Moorcroft Town Center. There was no action taken by the County Commissioners at that time.

A copy of a letter to the County Commissioners dated April 12, 2016 from the Moorcroft Town Mayor Steve Spoul was shared with the Library Board. The letter indicated the Town of Moorcroft would sell the old junior high portion of the old Moorcroft School to Crook County in the amount of \$450,000.00.

The County Library Board is not in any way interested in purchasing the building. The board realizes this is a lot of money and would require more funding to remodel the area for the purpose of a library. The purchase is in no way considered a solution for the Moorcroft Branch Library.

A letter was drawn up with the help of Crook County Attorney Joe Baron for the Crook County Commissioners stating the Library Board is not interested in purchasing the junior high portion of the building at the cost of \$450,000.00. The letter points out the need of repairs and updates to the current Moorcroft Branch Library with a suggestion of having an engineer do a needs assessment. It is hoped the County Commissioners will give considerations to updating the present Moorcroft Branch Library. Marge moved to approve and have all the board members sign the letter of response to the County Commissioners that was drawn up with the help of County Attn. Baron, seconded by Tami; motion carried. The letter will be given to County Clerk Linda Fritz to be added to the County Commissioners packets for their meeting on May 3, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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Marge Myers, Board Secretary

Date

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Maylee Baron-Kanode, Board Chair

Date